

TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

November 22, 2005

TO: Internal File

THRU: Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor

FROM: Joseph C. Helfrich, Biologist

RE: Willow Creek Confidential Information, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, C/007/038, Task ID #2260

SUMMARY:

On May 25, 2005 the Division received an amendment from Plateau Mining Corporation. The amendment is intended to remove the confidential information from the Mining and Reclamation Plan, (MRP), and incorporate it into a separate Confidential file in the Division's Public Information Center, (PIC). This memo will include a review of the applicant's proposed relocation of that information.

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TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

GENERAL CONTENTS

IDENTIFICATION OF INTERESTS

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 773.22; 30 CFR 778.13; R645-301-112

Analysis:

The Corporate Structure and Ownership and Control information is located in Volume 1, Section 2.1, and Volume 4, Exhibit 1 of the MRP. The information has been removed and placed in a separate binder, Chapter 15, in the Division's Confidential Section of the Public Information Center.

Findings:

The information provided is adequate to meet the requirements of this section of the regulations.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

Regulatory Reference: Pub. L 95-87 Sections 507(b), 508(a), and 516(b); 30 CFR 783., et. al.

HISTORIC AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 783.12; R645-301-411.

Analysis:

Cultural resource surveys for the Willow Creek Mine located in Volume 5, Exhibit 6 have been removed and placed in a separate binder, Chapter 15, in the Division's Confidential Section of the Public Information Center.

Findings:

The information provided is adequate to meet the requirements of this section of the regulations.

FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCE INFORMATION

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 784.21; R645-301-322.

Analysis:

Fish and Wildlife Information located in Volume 2, Map 7 and Volume 5, Exhibit 6 have been removed and placed in a separate binder, Chapter 15, in the Division's Confidential Section of the Public Information Center.

Findings:

The information provided is adequate to meet the requirements of this section of the regulations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The amendment is recommended for approval.